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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Re: Beginning of the new academic year 2025-26

I hope you and your family have enjoyed a restful and memorable summer break. As we prepare to open our doors for the new school year, I'm delighted to share some incredible news about our Year 13 Graduating Class of 2025, whose achievements in the IB Diploma Programme have made us all very proud:

- **92.3% pass rate** (well above the global average of 81%)
- **Top individual score:** 42 out of 45 points
- 81% of students achieved 34+ points (equivalent to AAB grades at A Level)
- **Average score:** 33/45 10% higher than the global average

Many of our graduates are now heading to some of the world's most prestigious universities. You can follow their exciting journeys on our **Facebook stories**, where we'll be celebrating their next steps.

Looking Ahead to 2025-26

This year, our focus is on helping every student excel academically, develop as confident young individuals, and grow as compassionate global citizens. We will continue to build on the progress of recent years, including:

- Curriculum balance & progression from Primary to Pre-University
- **Engaging, student-centred teaching** strategies that inspire curiosity and creativity
- **Enrichment opportunities** across the arts, sports, adventure, and service learning
- **Pastoral care** that supports emotional well-being and resilience
- Our Futures Programme, guiding students towards the universities and courses that match their aspirations.

This term, our school will also be evaluated by the Council of International Schools (CIS) which assesses hundreds of schools worldwide. Earning and maintaining accreditation is a mark of excellence, and the feedback we receive will help us continue to raise our standards.

Welcoming New Staff

We are thrilled to introduce a number of new teachers across various faculties — each a subject specialist dedicated to delivering exceptional learning experiences for your child. Among them are two new Assistant Headteachers and our new Head of Secondary Inclusion, who will lead key areas in school development. A full staff introduction is attached.

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Staying Connected

A strong partnership between home and school is vital for student success and happiness. To keep you informed and involved, please make use of the following channels:

- Secondary Parent Website with key information, curriculum details (coming soon), events, and notices
- Weekly "Parents in the Loop" quick updates and reminders
- School Facebook & Instagram news, stories, and photos from school life
- Parent Calendar coming soon, with dates for meetings, workshops, showcases, and performances

Our first major parent event of the year will be "Meet the Tutor" on Wednesday, 3 September 2025. Your child's Tutor is your first point of contact for both celebrations and concerns — we encourage you to connect with them early in the year. Following this letter, Ms Wong, Deputy Headteacher, will be in touch with more details on how we can work together to make this year a success for your child.

I am excited for the new year ahead and look forward to seeing you at school events, in the corridors, and in the audience at student performances. Together, let's make 2025–26 a year of achievement, growth, and joyful learning for students.

Yours sincerely

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